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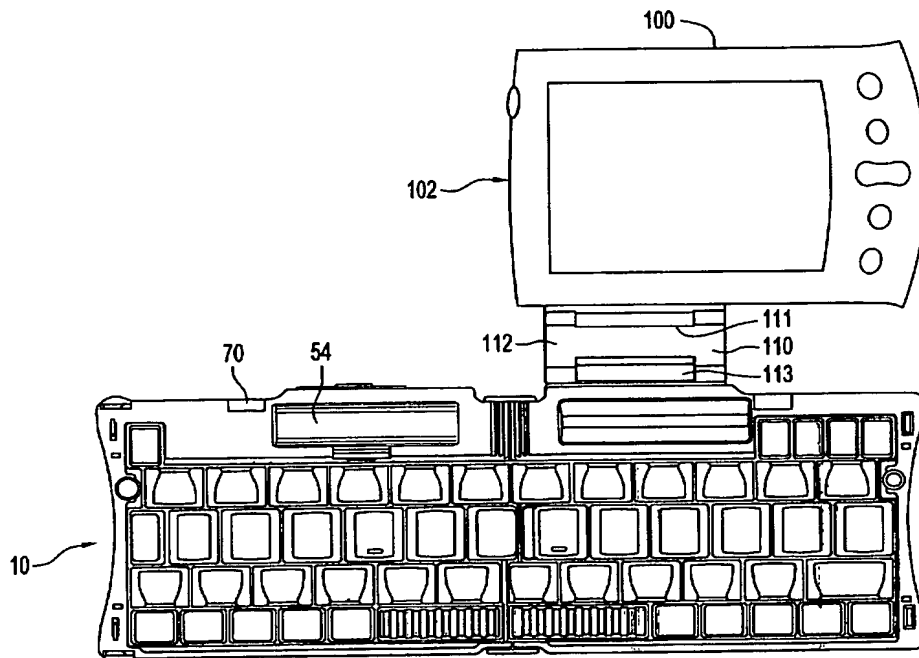
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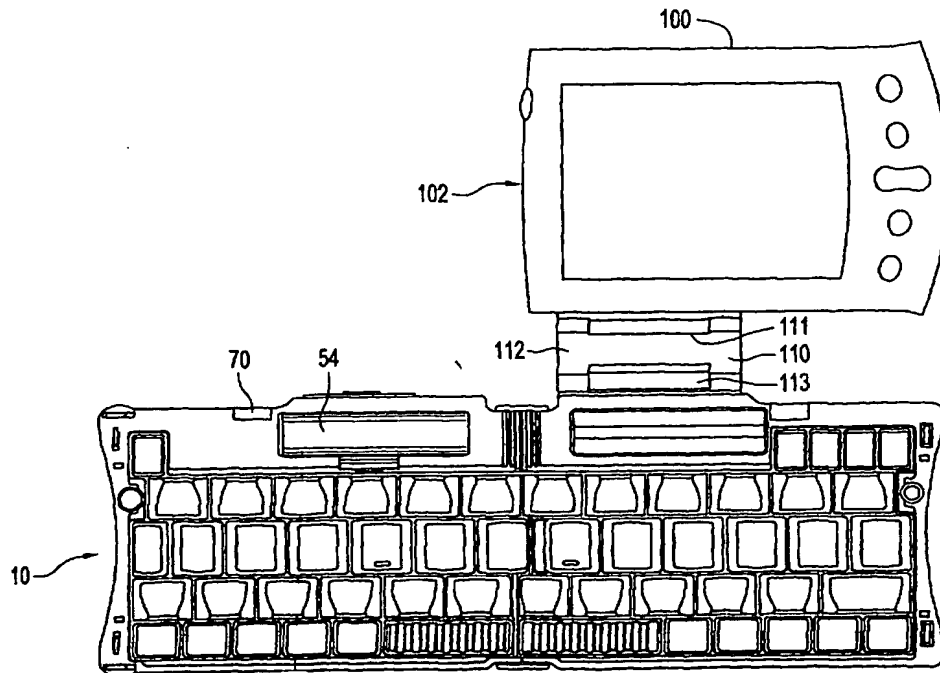
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A wireless keyboard for use with a handheld computer wherein said handheld computer comprises a wireless communications port, said wireless keyboard comprising a keyboard body having a plurality of keys, a wireless communications port, battery means, and means for supporting said handheld computer in a position whereby said wireless communication ports of the keyboard and handheld computer are able to communicate with one another, wherein said wireless communication ports are infra-red communications ports, wherein said means for supporting comprises a stand on which said handheld computer can be removably mounted, and means for reflecting an infrared signal from said infra-red communications port on said keyboard to said infra-red communications port on said handheld computer.

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2. claims: 21-46, 48-49

A folding keyboard comprising a plurality of keys generally corresponding to the keys of a standard personal computer keyboard comprising three parallel, lengthwise rows of keys forming a central row, an upper row and a lower row, and comprising two halves hingedly connected along a fold line extending transversely across said keyboard, each half thereby comprising a portion of said plurality of keys, whereby said keyboard is folded from a first open position in which said plurality of keys forms said generally standard personal computer keyboard, to a closed position in which said two halves are in opposed parallel relationship and wherein said central row comprises keys of standard size, and said upper and lower rows comprise keys which are reduced in size in the transverse direction.

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